

BENNING FALL MEETING ENDS. GETAWAY DAY DRAWS BIG CROWD

Jumpers Fall to Make the Course Through a Mistake—The Talent Breaks Even With Three Favorites Winners.

Yesterday was getaway day at Benning, and with one exception—Thanksgiving Day—there was the largest crowd in attendance ever seen at the track. The grandstand was taxed to its capacity. Fully 8,000 people were on the grounds when the bell rang calling the horses to the post for the first race. The Washington Jockey Club is to be congratulated on having such a grand wind-up to a successful meeting. The weather was delightful, the card was an attractive one, and the racing all that could be desired.

Track Record Broken.

The feature of the card was the second running of The Maximum, for three-year-olds and upward, at three miles. Of the five horses entered, all went to the post. While there was not much class to the race, outside of Carbuncle, the contest was an interesting one, and the track record for the distance was reduced six seconds.

Carbuncle went to the post an odds-on favorite, opening in the betting at 1 to 4, closing at 9 to 20. There was some play on Raffaele, who opened at 8 to 1, closing at 4 to 1, but he was never a contender at any stage of the race. He pulled up so lame that the jockey had to dismount before covering the route, and had difficulty in leading him off the track. Carbuncle won easily. His nearest competitor, Summies, finished second, the balance strung out.

An Unusual Incident.

The third race on the programme, a steeplechase, furnished an incident out of the ordinary. There were five starters. As usual in races of this kind, the start was made in the old-fashioned way by dropping the flag.

The start was good, all getting off together. When the jumpers came to the first hurdle, three of the horses ran out and pulled off into the field as if it were no start. The other two, of which one was the favorite, Conover and Corolla, went over the hurdle and finished. Conover first, Corolla second. Ray, who had the mount on Jim Megibben, seeing his mistake, brought his horse back to the jump and went over the course, finishing within the time limit, getting third money.

Thought It No Start.

The mistake, if such it may be called, reduced the contest to a two-horse race, and was satisfactory to the stewards. They promptly sent for Ray and asked him to account for his blunder, which he explained by stating that he did not think it was a start, and so ran out of the course.

The racing commenced with a dash of five and a half furlongs, for non-winners in 1901. From the conditions of the race it may well be imagined that it brought together a bad lot. Adelaide Prince was made the favorite at 5 to 2, with Delmar a strong second choice at 7 to 2. That the talent was not deceived, as all right was seen by the finish, as these horses were the only two contenders at the end. Delmar first, Adelaide Prince second.

Shortly after the barrier went up, Amant unseated her rider. Walker, who had the mount on Corolla, thinking he might injure the fallen jockey, pulled his horse, which was practically out of the race. Jones, who rode Amant, escaped serious injury.

A Close Finish.

The second race went to a well-backed favorite, Cornwall, at 11 to 5, but only by the smallest of margins, as Hot came near him on the wire. It was the closest finish of the day, a head only separating them.

The fifth event, a heavyweight handicap, went to Pigeon Post at 5 to 1. The favorite, Flora Pomona, was beaten by a length.

The sixth and last race of the day was won by Lee King (J. Martin), a half-brother of the winner of the first race, through the stretch with the favorite, Astor. The race was won in the last jump by a neck.

The Summaries.

First race—All ages; five and a half furlongs. Delmar (Hayden) 7 to 2 and 5 to 2, won; Adelaide Prince (Woadley), 5 to 2 and even, second; Land of Clover (J. Martin), 10 to 1 and 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:10.

Elizabeth Moon, Annie Grace, Eountness, Kimberly, Sir Iles, Basile, Rapenacker, Chisoka, Mentone, Victor also ran.

Winner much the best. Shortly after the start Amant fell, unseating his rider. To avoid injuring the horse, the jockey pulled up. The race was won in the last jump by a neck.

Second race—Maiden two-year-olds; five furlongs. Cornwall (J. Martin), 11 to 5 and 4 to 1, won; Hot (Hayden), 10 to 1 and 4 to 1, second; Alack (Skeel), 20 to 1 and 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:03.45.

Lemoyne, Rosecourt, Gayhilda, Illuminate, Lady Teague, Chiron, Souffrant, The Bandit, Wagon, Motley, Leslie Bruce and Pigeon Post also ran.

Cornwall was best, but had to be hard ridden to win.

Third race—Steeplechase; three-year-olds and upward; two and one-half miles. Conover (Mara), 11 to 10 and out, won; Corolla (C. Johnson), 8 to 1 and 7 to 5, second; Jim Megibben (Hay), 7 to 5 and out, third. Time, 5:15.

Very Light and Joe Letter also ran.

As the race was run Conover was best. It was practically a two-horse race, as Megibben, Very Light, and Joe Letter ran out after the start and did not take the first jump. Ray brought Megibben back and went over the course, finishing within the time limit. Jockeys on Megibben, Very Light, and Joe Letter, when asked for an explanation, claimed they thought it was a false start.

Fourth race—The Maximum; three-year-olds and upward; three miles. Carbuncle (Redfern), 9 to 20 and out, won; Summies (Skeel), 8 to 1 and 8 to 5, second; Dick Fudge (Hay), 10 to 1 and 5 to 3, third. Time, 5:35.

Ringleader and Raffaele also ran.

Carbuncle much the best. Ringleader started out to do the running and led by thirty lengths for half the route, but blew up when Carbuncle collared him. Summies was best of the others. Dick Fudge was very tired at the end. The time for this race reduces track record six seconds.

Fifth race—Heavyweight handicap; all ages; seven furlongs. Pigeon Post (Mitchell), 6 to 1 and 3 to 1, won; Flora Pomona (Woadley), 5 to 2 and even, second; Death of Slack, 8 to 1 and 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:29.15.

Red Path, Lamp O'Lea, Sister Juliet, Himself, Lady of the Valley, Dewey, Morokanta, Rabuta, Richtaway and Genesee also ran and finished as named.

NEW ORLEANS RESULTS.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 29.—Results of today's races. Track fast.

First race—Three-year-olds and upward; seven furlongs. Boomerack (Olin), 9 to 5, won; Siren Song (Steele), 5 to 1, second; Sylvan (Lyne), 19 to 1, third. Time, 1:47.

Second race—Two-year-olds; five furlongs. Postilion (Linsay), 10 to 1, won; Dolce Far Niente (Lyne), 4 to 3, second; Lingo (Riviere), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:03.5.

Third race—Steeplechase; handicap; three-year-olds and upward; short course. Bristol (Gaddy), 4 to 5, won; Sauter (Corrier), 4 to 1, second; Divertissement (Olin), 1, third. Time, 3:07.5.

Fourth race—Magnolia stakes; three-year-olds and upward; selling; one mile. R. G. Fox (Coburn), 10 to 1, won; Andes (Linsay), 4 to 1, second; Petit Maître (Dale), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:40.

Fifth race—Three-year-olds and upward; seven furlongs. Velma (Clark) (Riviere), 6 to 1, won; Swardman (O'Brien), even, third. Time, 2:26.4.

New Orleans Entries.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 30.—Entries for Monday's races:

First race—For two-year-olds; five and one-half furlongs. J. Patrick, 101; Hat Mitchell, 101; Katherine C., 101; Lou Wood, 101; Postilion, 101; East Iron, 101; Dolce Far Niente, 101; The Boston 101; Ada S. G., 101.

Second race—For three-year-olds and upward; selling; one mile. Mytha, 101; Eda Riley, 101; Jena, 101; Frank Ireland, 101; Whisper Low, 101; Chancery, 101; Henry of Scotland, 101; Frank McDonnell, 101; Maple, 101; Precursor, 101; Donator, 101; Swardman, 101.

Third race—For three-year-olds and upward; selling; one mile and a half. Uncle Tom (D. Mitchell), 6 to 1, second; Swardman (O'Brien), even, third. Time, 2:26.4.

Fourth race—For three-year-olds and upward; selling; six furlongs. Tatar, 90; Little Jack Horner, 91; Tom Collins, 91; Choice, 101; The Rush, 101; L. Hommedieu, 101; Cuthbert, 101; Tom Kingsley, 101; Henry Bert, 101; Scott, 120.

Fifth race—For three-year-olds and upward; selling; six and one-half furlongs. Olekma, 98; Reeler, 102; Nina B. L., 102; Orland, 102; Flop, 102; Miss L. L., 102; U'crape, 102; Dousierewit, 102; Master Mariner, 102; Sir Florian, 102; John G. S. by, 102; Mr. Phinty, 102.

Sixth race—For three-year-olds and upward; selling; one mile. H. Elton, 92; Woodstock, 93; Free Pass, 96; Major Mauser, 96; Menace, 98; El Ghor, 101; Papa Harry, 101; Eugene S., 101; Bequest, 101; Tatar, 104; Andes, 105; Jessie Jarboe, 107.

NEW YORK CUSTOMS FRAUDS.

Alleged Collusion Between Importers and Government Officials.

The Treasury Department has for some time been in the possession of evidence of fraudulent entries at the New York Customs House, by which importers have profited. The alleged fraud is in the selection of samples of imported goods to be submitted to the appraisers for classification and appraisal.

The investigation was begun last June, and it is said, sufficient results have been obtained to justify action by the Treasury Department.

According to the Federal statute which governs the examination of imported goods, one case in ten of each consignment is sent to the appraiser. The importer submits his invoice to the Second (or Entry) Division at the Customs House. Then the amount of duty collectible on the face of the invoice is paid, and a bond is filed to cover liability for increased duty, in the event that the appraiser finds the invoice value to be too low.

Ninety per cent of the goods is immediately released, and upon the appraisal of the balance marked by the appraiser of duty on the entire consignment is determined.

To ensure the Government against gross frauds the selection of the same cases must be made at haphazard by Government officials.

The alleged collusion was in allowing the importer to designate which cases should be sent to the appraiser. It is understood that the evidence of collusion, said to have been acquired by the special agents, was obtained through the assistance of an importer, who, with the cognizance of the special agents, marked for selection certain cases in each of five consignments. In each instance the cases marked by the importer for examination are said to have been the ones that were sent to the appraiser.

NEW MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL.

Architect Wheelwright and Commissioner Biddle Confer.

Edwin M. Wheelwright, of Boston, the architect chosen by the District Commissioners to assist them in preparing the preliminary plans for the proposed municipal hospital, was in conference with Commissioner Biddle this morning.

The condition of the appropriations available was discussed and the project considered from every point of view. The work of the Commissioners in issuing the first programme of competition was considered.

The work to be done immediately is to prepare preliminary plans for the hospital and to publish a programme of competition, which can be sent out to architects.

The Commissioners will then receive proposals for preparing the detailed plans for the buildings.

The services of Mr. Wheelwright are advisory, and he will, in addition, have a general supervision over the competition. He will remain in Washington a few days, but the principal work will be done in his office in Boston.

RETIRED ARMY OFFICER DEAD.

Major Hugh G. Brown Served With Distinguished in the Civil War.

Word has been received by Acting Adjutant General Ward that Major Hugh G. Brown, retired, died suddenly yesterday morning of heart disease at Keosauqua, Iowa.

Major Brown was born in Pennsylvania, but was appointed to the military service from Iowa. He served throughout the civil war, being rapidly promoted for meritorious service, and was honorably mustered out of the volunteer service in July, 1866, as brevet lieutenant colonel of volunteers.

In the same year he was appointed second lieutenant of the Regular Army and rose to major. In 1899, at his own request, he was placed upon the retired list.

Pool Championship for the District.

The second great pool tournament for the championship of the District and \$100 in gold and prizes will commence at the Maryland Pool Parlor, 1618 Pennsylvania Avenue, Monday evening, December 2, at 9 p. m. The entries are Ed Littleton, last year's champion, Joseph Kirkland, B. L. Spivey, Tom Moore, and Messrs. Wallace and Kern. Frank Sherman will referee the opening game. The entries are the best players in the District, and a hard fight for the honors and prizes will take place.

INTERESTING EVENTS IN ATHLETIC CIRCLES.

DATES OF COMING OPEN GAMES.

Local Amateurs at the Sportsman's Show—Y. M. C. A. All-Around Contests—Institute Gymnasium—Guard's Teams.

The annual indoor track and field meet of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club will be held in Madison Square Garden, February 2, next. The events to be contested will be open to all amateur athletes registered with the Amateur Athletic Union.

This affair is always one of the biggest of the season's meets and draws out large entry lists not only from the New York city clubs but from all over the country. Duff, Holland, Edmunds, and Dessez, of Georgetown, may be counted on as entrants, and if the runners of the local Young Men's Christian Association and Woodside Athletic Club make a good showing in the season's local and nearby meets, entries may be made by them.

The games will be held under the sanction granted by the registration committee of the Metropolitan Association of the A. A. U., and is included in the list of the three big indoor events of the season, as follows:

January 11—St. Bartholomew Athletic Club and Medical Corps of the Eighth Regiment.

January 23—National Athletic Club and Forty-seventh Regiment Athletic Association.

February 2—Knickerbocker Athletic Club at Madison Square Garden.

Will Hold Billiard Championship.

The Knickerbocker Athletic Club has applied to the A. A. U. for the privilege of holding the Class A tourney for the amateur billiard championship of America, which it desires to hold under the auspices of the A. A. U. in the Knickerbocker A. C. Theatre. The date fixed for this important event is February 10, 1902. The committee in charge of the tourney consists of W. J. Paterson, chairman; Dr. A. B. Miller, and Charles W. Major, secretary.

Features of the Sportsman's Show.

One of the big features of the Sportsman's Show now being held in the Exposition Building, at the New York City Athletic Club, is of special interest to the athletes of this city and vicinity, are the Atlantic Association A. A. U. track and field championship contests, which will be held December 1 and 2, and a large entry list from this city. The events will include 75, 150, 200, 400, and 800 yard and 2-mile runs, standing broad and high jumps, running hop, step, and jump, pole vault for boys and men, weight, 16-pound shot, 120 and 220-yard hurdles. Silver cups will be given to first, second, and third men.

The events of the Central and Western High and Emerson Institute, as well as the Friends Select School, are interested, and to which one or all may send entries, are the interschool track and field championship contests, to be held at the exposition December 7, entries for which close tomorrow. Silver cups will go to first, second, and third men, and a silver trophy to the school scoring the most points. The events to be contested include 100, 220, 440, 880 yards, and 1-mile run; pole vault, running high and broad jumps, 25-pound shot, 160 and 220-yard hurdles, and relay races for four men teams, each man to run one-sixth of a mile.

The indoor track and field handicap meet, open to all registered amateurs, will be held at the exposition December 2. The national indoor track and field championships will be held December 15, afternoon.

A decided amount of interest is being taken here in the Sportsman's Show and its many athletic features, and several parties have been arranged to visit the show and witness the contests.

Athletics at Y. M. C. A.

The local Young Men's Christian Association has taken the initiative in the movement to hold athletic contests here and in Baltimore for the intercity championship, and the prospects are that lovers of amateur sport will witness a set of competitions.

Mr. C. E. Beckett, one of the physical instructors of the Y. M. C. A., in communicating with Mr. Corning, of the Central, and Mr. Barton, of the West Branch Y. M. C. A., both of Baltimore, outlined the proposed competitions, suggesting that three athletic and gymnastic events be held in the respective gymnasiums. He suggested that December 27 be reserved for the local gym and that the programme include the following events:

1. Running high jump.
2. From a run vault into parallel bars, front vault left and right, with one-half right and left turn.

3. Putting 12-pound shot.
4. Hang on horizontal bar, flexion of thighs until ankles reach bar; arms kept perfectly straight.
5. Hang back circle to front rest; short underswing to mat.

Athletic events will be marked on percentage system, and gymnastic events will be marked on Bicko points for approach, 2 marks for correctness of exercise, 4 for form, and 2 for leaving apparatus.

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are fast on their feet and handle the ball well, but they need practice on goal throwing.

Next Friday night the team will play the fast-flying Corcorans, and it behooves the players to practice for wind as well as for goaling, and on the following Monday they will have another hard proposition in the Carroll.

Carroll Institute Gymnasium.

The tennis team representing Carroll Institute in the District Bowling League has played twelve games and won only five, and three of the latter were dropped in a bunch last week to the Saengerbund bowlers. The team, which is now in fourth place, is strong enough in individual bowlers, but as a team it does not bowl consistently. Harlow bowled in the set against the Saenger for the first time, and did good work. He finished with an average of 165.

The baseball team is out for the pennant, and no mistake. It is improving its team play, and is doing well in the field and at the bat. Next Friday night the team will meet the Y. M. C. A. in the gymnasium of the latter, and a surprise is promised.

Tuesday evening the basketball team will have as its guests for a game the Y. M. C. A. "five."

The classes in the gymnasium, under the direction of Prof. Maurice A. Joyce, are doing good, all-round work, as well as taking drills and exercises for body-building. Among the members who have taken up the work for the season are McNally, Hollander, Rickenbach, Cramer brothers, Dr. Burch, Corcoran, Thompson, Phillips, Sweeney, Vogt, Murphy, Maher, and Bone.

Morton Cadets.

The Morton Cadets basketball team has been considerably strengthened by the addition of Joe Daly, formerly of the Potomac and Carroll, and Holmead, of the Mount Pleasant. Both men were "stars" on their old teams and will prove potent winners in the soldiers' line-up. Yoder has developed into a very clever goal thrower. Some of his "bankshots" on Friday's game with the Sixth Battalion were of the sensational order.

Hughes is putting a good game at left forward and seems to fit in well. Baum is a good "sub" for Yoder, and is fast forward. Snell, at center, is playing as well as ever, and has good support in "Babe" McQueen and Holmead. Curran and Hughes are handy men at "ward."

The team plays the Sixth Battalion a return game tomorrow night, and then takes a rest until December 12, when it lines up with the Corcorans. The latter game will give the players a good try-out in fast company and will be a fair test of their all-round playing ability.

HUMAN MARKET VALUES.

Wives May Be Purchased Cheaply at the Present Time.

Wives are cheap today. A man recently made a claim against the London Post office because through the delivery of a letter he had lost his prospective bride. He asked for \$25, and when he was a hard-earned \$10 only said that he did not consider the sum full compensation.

In Canada wives come higher—at least if one can judge from a recent advertisement in a Montreal paper in which the advertiser offered \$1,250 down to any third person who would find him the sort of wife he described. Her chief qualifications was that she should be a domestic, house loving, and a good cook.

The advertiser's wife had had his attention called to the offer of Mr. Johann Dorn, a Strasbourg man, whose daughter, Dorothea, had scaled 248 pounds at the age of eighteen. The father of this slightly lady offered a sum equal to \$250 to anyone who would marry his daughter.

Two years later, Mrs. Dorothea having increased in weight to 200 pounds, Mr. Dorn doubled his offer. He then found a husband in a young man called Hentzel.

Boys are evidently more valuable in the eyes of the few than girls. A Yorkshire (England) boy recently averaged 2,000 in a foot race, and a girl of the same age and weight, a boy who had lost his right hand in an accident. The same young girl on the following day had a case before it of a girl (England) who had recently averaged 2,000 in a foot race, and a girl of the same age and weight, a boy who had lost his right hand in an accident. The same young girl on the following day had a case before it of a girl (England) who had recently averaged 2,000 in a foot race, and a girl of the same age and weight, a boy who had lost his right hand in an accident.

To most people it would certainly seem that a girl who had lost her hand had a better chance than a girl similarly afflicted. London Juries are, apparently, more generous. An infant named Taylor living at Wandsworth recently received \$400 for services rendered by her mother, who had been on a milk van. In another instance the wife of a colored in the Connaught Rangers received \$150 for services rendered by her mother, who had been on a milk van. In another instance the wife of a colored in the Connaught Rangers received \$150 for services rendered by her mother, who had been on a milk van.

Even the latter compensation falls into insignificance compared with the price paid by the Brazilian Government a few months ago for the recent lynching of a French subject at Rio Grande. The Brazilian Government paid the price of this dead Frenchman, and so on.

The value of an emigrant to the country of his adoption has been stated by Dr. Farr as \$1,150 for an ordinary laboring man, and \$1,250 for a man of high intelligence and in good health.—London Times.

They are the bane of my existence," said a librarian plaintively.

His eyes had been following the tall, well-dressed woman through the door. They now came back questioning to his face.

"She's an ancestor seeker," he answered. "You see, it's this way. They all want to be ancestors of the Revolution. That's what started with the organization of the society—and grows rather than otherwise."

To qualify, they must find an ancestor, and the libraries are their hunting grounds. To many the library is apparently a place of mystery, and they begin their search by playing me with questions.

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